

January 4, 2002

Ms. Renata Hesse  
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Department of Justice  
Antitrust Division  
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Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a business executive who represents 103 small business owners in the Dallas, Texas area, I'm writing this letter to illustrate my support of the proposed Microsoft settlement.

I could write a letter with all the "fancy words and phrases" that would describe how unfortunate this entire situation with Microsoft and its competitors has come about and precisely why the US government should end its pursuit of Microsoft. However, I chose to simply state what I believe is reality in this case:

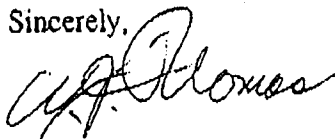
I believe our government...and Microsoft's competitors who apparently can't compete for whatever reason...have forgotten about the "rights of American business" to pursue and operate their business in the spirit of a free enterprise system.

That's the bottom-line on this whole affair...

Let's end this pursuit of Microsoft Ms. Hesse. Our government has spent more than enough of the taxpayer's dollar in its quest to satisfy competitors who lack the knowledge to understand customer needs in the marketplace. Rule 1 in Marketing 101.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



W. J. Thomas